

**MANOUKIAN**  
**U.S. National Phase of PCT/IT02/00366**

**REMARKS**

The above amendments are made to insert a cross reference to the PCT application upon which the instant U.S. national phase is based, to add an Abstract of the Disclosure and to eliminate multiple dependencies in the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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